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6th Legislative Day

December 18, 1999

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

The First Special Session of the 91 General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members be at their desks? And will our guests in the gallery please rise? Our prayer today will be given by Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

(Prayer by Senator Geo-Karis)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Sieben. Reading of the Journal.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Journal of Thursday, December 16th, 1999.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Myers.

SENATOR MYERS:

Mr. President, I move that the Journal just read by the Secretary be approved, unless some Senator has additions or corrections to offer.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Myers moves to approve the Journals just read. Are

there any objections? It is so ordered. Senator Myers.

SENATOR MYERS:

Mr. President, I move that reading and approval of the Journal of Friday, December 17th, in the year 1999, be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journal.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Myers moves to postpone the reading and the approval of the Journal, pending arrival of the printed transcripts. There -- there being no objection, it is so ordered. Senator Karpriel, for what purpose do you arise, ma'am?

SENATOR KARPIEL:

Thank you, Mr. President. To announce that there will be, I

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hope, a brief caucus in Senator Philip's Office immediately. So for those of you that are not yet on the Floor or are in your office, please come to a caucus in Senator Philip's Office immediately. All Republicans, that is.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Hang on. Hang on. We have a request from WAND-Television to record the proceedings, and also Channel 20 News. Is there any objection? If not, it's okay. Senator Demuzio, for what purpose

do you rise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Well, I -- in your dictatorship, could you at least ring the bell and let us know that we're coming back into Session, or give us maybe three to five minutes notice? Is that appropriate? Is that an appropriate request?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Certainly is.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Well, why don't you do it? It's too late now.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. I just wanted to apologize. Last night, when we were in Session, I accused the Majority Party of being lazy and not suspending the rules that I felt were being broken, and I wanted to apologize 'cause I've since discovered that you only had twenty-nine people here and therefore you didn't have enough votes to -- to suspend the rules that you were violating. So I -- I apologize and...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

We certainly accept that apology. Is there any further business to come before the Senate, for the Special Session? If not, Senator Dudycz, moves that the First Special Session stand

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adjourned in perfunctory Session until 4 p.m., Sunday, December
19th.

